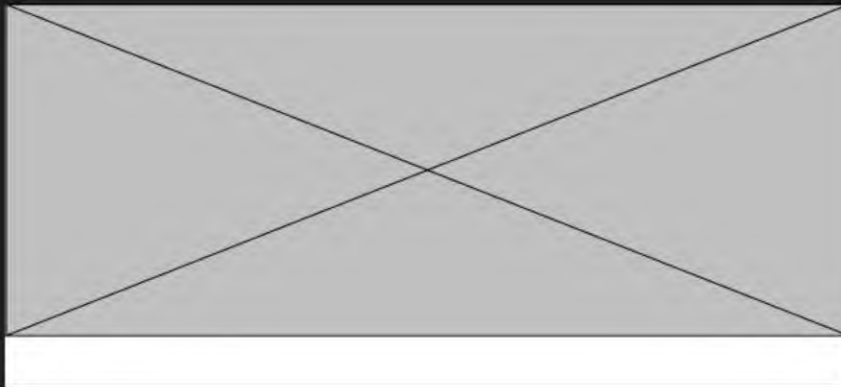


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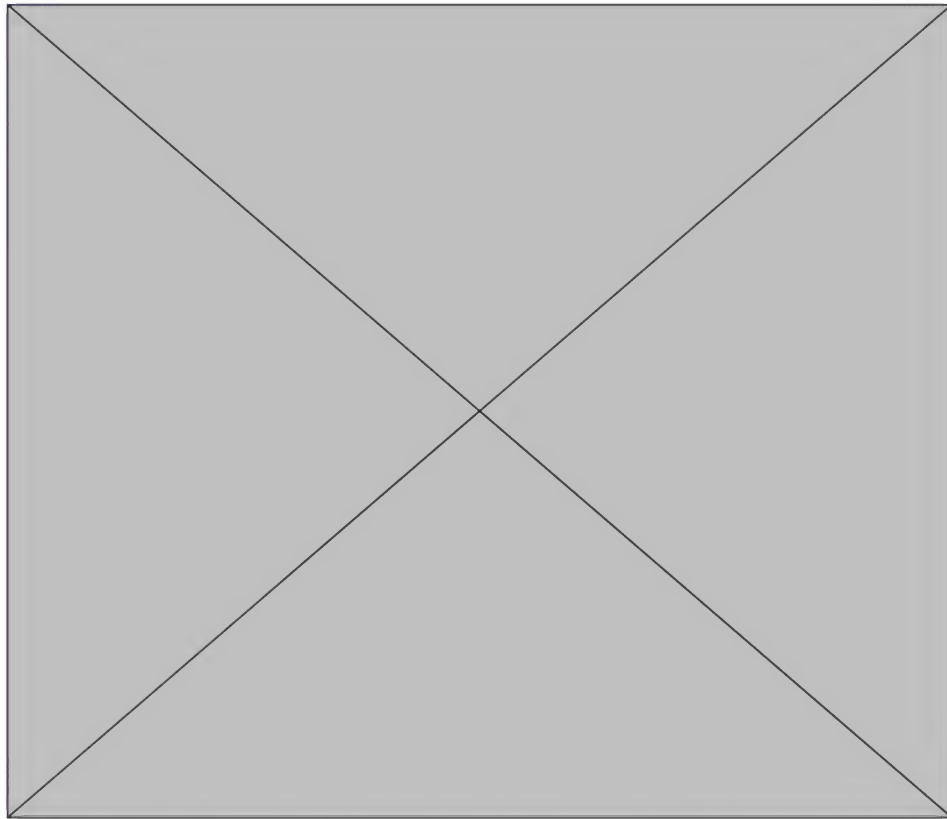
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***Winter's Come To Yellowstone***  
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***Hurricanes, Recovery, And Resiliency In The Caribbean's  
National Parks***



*Though coral reefs in the Caribbean took a beating from the two hurricanes, they already are starting to recovery and marine life are returning/NPS*

Though it will take months for national parks in the Caribbean to fully recover from the impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the impacts to the ecosystems and human environment are slowly being erased. Erika Zambello and Leslie Henderson produced an extensive look at efforts to get the parks fully operating again.

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## ***President Trump Issues Proclamation To Shrink National Monuments, Tees Off Legal Battle***

*President Trump moved Monday to lop 1 million acres off Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and break it into three smaller monuments/BLM*

A handful of hours after President Trump on Monday issued a proclamation to chop 1 million acres off the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah a lawsuit was filed to prevent that from happening. Other groups were expected to file a similar lawsuit over the president's move to reduce Bears Ears National Monument, also in Utah, by 1 million acres.

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## ***A Winter's Journey Through The National Park System***

*Particularly frigid winters turn the "sea caves" at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore into "ice caves." /NPS*

Where in the National Park System might you turn this winter for an incredible journey?  
The list is long...

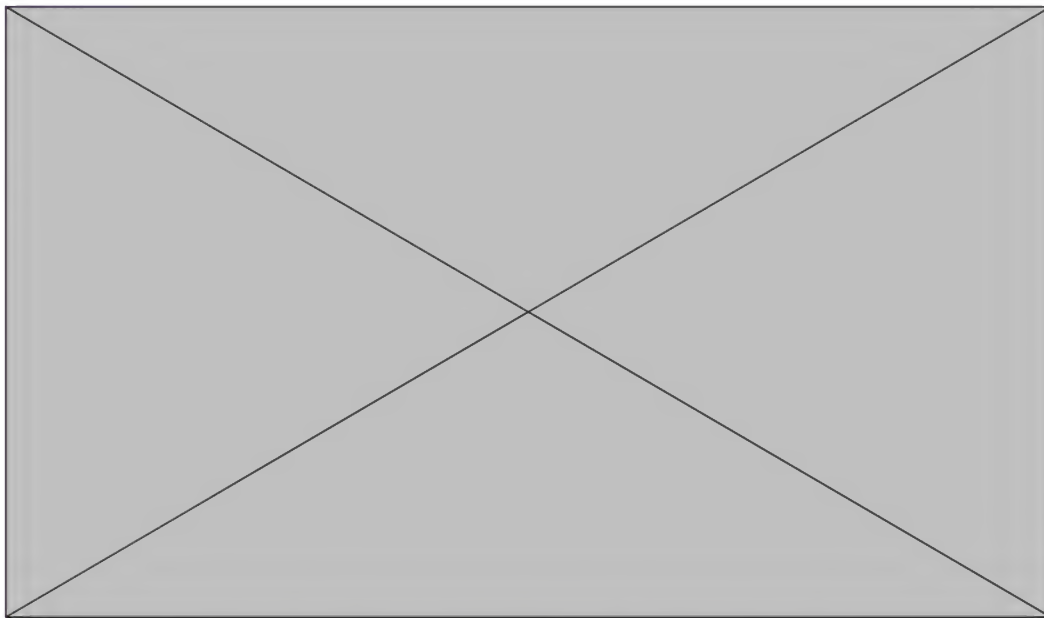
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***With: Winter brings a frosty, and icy, new robe to many national parks. The biting cold against the snowy settings can be magical, as these photos show.***

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## ***Keeping Up With News From the National Park System***



***Recovery continues at Virgin Islands National Park/NPS***

During the historic 1988 wildfires that burned through Yellowstone National Park, media from around the country and even from abroad visited the park again and again and again for several months to report on the natural disaster.

Today, more than two months after Hurricanes Irma and then Maria swept through the Caribbean, little national media attention has been cast on Virgin Islands National Park, Buck Island Reef National Monument, or the other park units in the region.

At the *Traveler*, we are proud to provide you with an extensive update on the situation. Writer Erika Zambello, with field reporting by Leslie Henderson, has woven together a wonderful piece on the impact, and the aftermath, that the hurricanes had on Virgin Islands National Park, Buck Island Reef, and Christiansted National Historic Site.

That feature is a key reason why we see a need for ***National Parks Traveler***. No other media organization that we know of provides daily editorial coverage of national parks and protected areas. Yes, there are occasional stories, but when the *New York Times* sends writers to the Caribbean to report on the storms' impacts -- one with a dateline of St. John, of which 60 percent is covered by Virgin Islands National Park -- and fails in both stories to even mention the national parks, well, that goes to the value of the *Traveler*.

We're all being deluged at this time of year with requests for donations. We understand that. There are many, many worthy causes and organizations. We hope you agree that the *Traveler*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit media organization, is one. We know you care about the national parks, and appreciate being kept up to date on their well-being and how to enjoy them. With your support, you can look forward to more exclusive stories such as



the one on the Virgin Islands.

For all those who have already made their donation, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. For those who haven't yet, where else would you find editorially independent news coverage on national parks and protected areas every day of the year?

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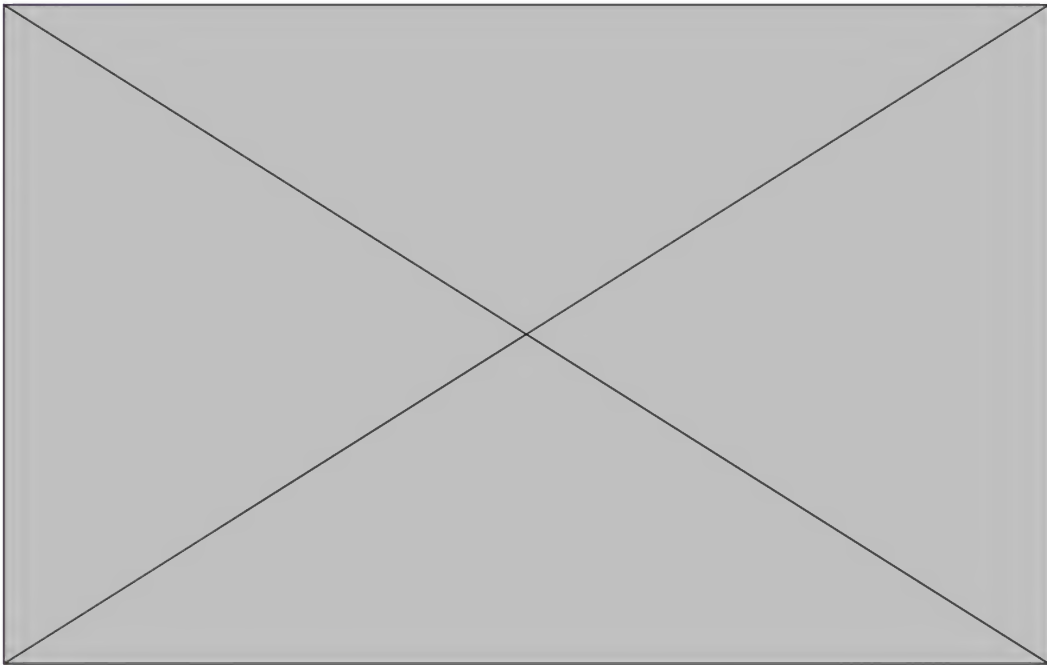
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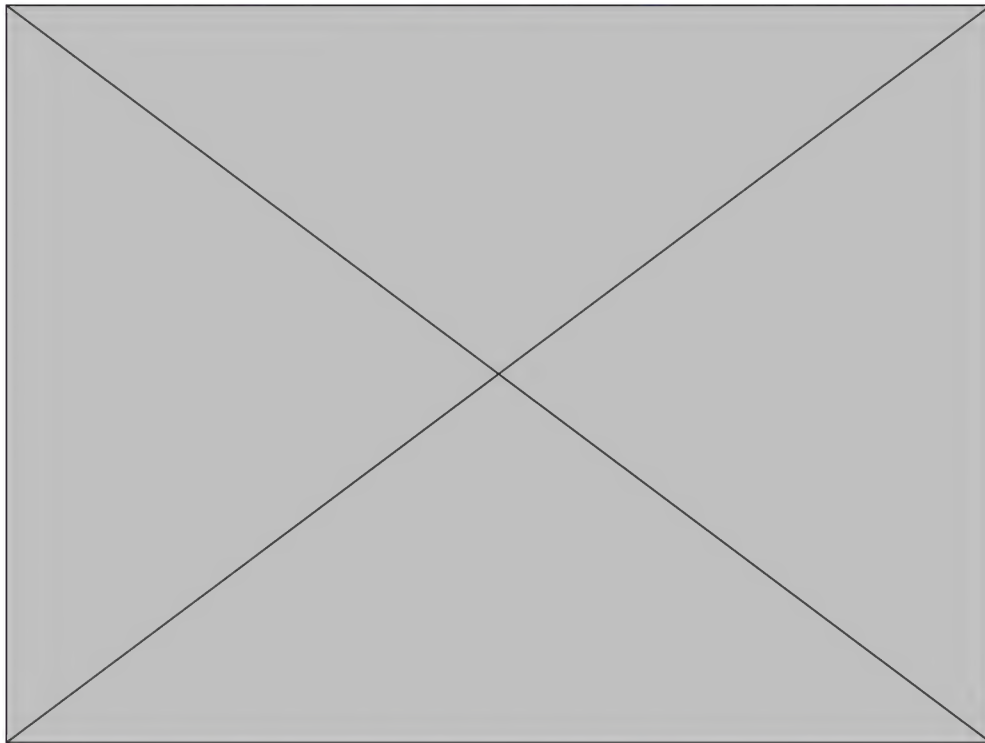
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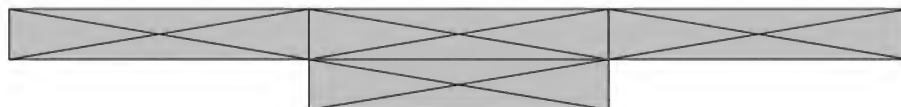
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